

The influence of the mother in shaping the character of the child cannot be over-estimated. The reader will not have forgotten the touching incident that occurred between General Garfield and his mother when the former was inaugurated President of the United States; and an Eastern journalist is reminded by the recent death of General Grant's mother to quote a passage from a letter which he addressed to her forty-four years ago, while he was a cadet at West Point. He wrote:

Your kind words of admonition are ever present with me. How well do they strengthen me in every good word and work! Should I become a soldier for my country I look forward with hope to have you spared to share with me in any advancement I may gain, and I trust my future conduct will prove me worthy of the patriotic instruction you and father have given me.

An order issued by Postmaster-General Gresham to supersede from October 1, 1883, section 26 of the regulations of 1879, directs that contractors must secure the permission of the Postmaster-General before making sub-contract on any route. Application to sublet must be made separately for each route, and sub-contracts must be filed in the office of the Second Assistant Postmaster-General, and specify the amount to be paid per annum under it in case the service shall be changed.

And now the news is heralded from New York that the Jersey Lily will obtain a divorce from Mr. Langtry and marry Fred Gebhardt. There is good merriment in the N. Y. boy. Now let him head westward and settle in Colorado, where he can buy a seat in the United States Senate.

A Chicago Journal, in terms of reproach, says New York can spend \$40,000 for a dog show, \$25,000 in fireworks at the opening of a bridge, and give Sullivan, the pugilist, a \$21,000 benefit, but cannot raise enough money to erect a pedestal for Bartholdi's statue of Liberty.

The "intelligent" people of Europe are coming to the land of Zion for the purpose of joining the Mormons. These people must be intelligent, for the high dignitaries of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints tell us that none but the intelligent join their church.

At a meeting of the citizens of Seattle on the 25th ult., the bonds for the subsidy of \$150,000 to the Northern Pacific, for building a 40-mile standard gauge line into the coal fields of King county, were executed, and the work will be vigorously pushed.

Private advices state that the citizens of Spokane county, Washington Territory, have applied to Governor Newell for arms and ammunition, with which to protect themselves from a momentarily expected Indian outbreak. The arms will be forwarded.

Chilians and Peruvian people have shaken hands. Now the enlightened people of those two countries can devote their spare time to confiscating each other's cattle.

Oakland, California, is to have cotton mills for the manufacture of cotton-batten. The ladies of that city will hereafter be able to give themselves beautiful shaps.

General Crook knew his business. He went after Indians and found them. According to the latest news, there were between forty and fifty Indians killed.

Comstock's one on the up grade. Stand from under.

THE PULSE OF ANIMALS.—In horses, the pulse at rest beats forty times, in an ox from fifty to fifty-five, and in sheep and pigs about seventy to eighty beats per minute. It may be felt wherever a large artery crosses a bone, for instance, in the cord which crosses over the bone of the lower jaw in front of its curved position, or in the bony ridge above the eye, and in cattle, over the middle of the first rib, and in sheep, by placing the hand on the left side, where the beating of the heart may be felt. Any material variation of the pulse from the figures given above may be considered a sign of disease. If rapid, hard and full, it is an indication of high fever, or inflammation; if rapid, small and weak, low fever, loss of blood, or weakness. If slow, the probabilities point to brain disease, and if irregular, to heart troubles. This is one of the principles and sure tests of the health of an animal.

Jay Gould mistakes altogether from Ignorance. Recently, while he was ill at Arkansas Hot Springs, Colonel Fordyce advised him to take brandy or whisky, but could not induce him to take any. Finally, by a subscription, Fordyce persuaded him to try a glass of "rock and rye," which did him good, and Gould said that the man owned the spring, producing the water had a fortune in it.

Don't spare the butcher and feed the doctor.

STATE ITEMS.

Extensive smelting works are shortly to be erected at Downeyville.

Starlet fever is appearing in the various towns along the Central Pacific.

The Carson and Colorado road is being pushed south at the rate of a mile and a half a day.

Nothing definite is known of the sale of the Cammack mines of Ione or how soon they will be started up.

The Grantsville Sun says there is no truth in the rumor that the mines at Jefferson have closed down.

Charles T. Hoffman, one of the best known and most reliable mining engineers on the coast, has been in Grantsville for some time examining the mines of that district.

The Leader says Dr. A. C. Bishop writes from Butte, saying, "Tell all my old friends to go and get a drink and be happy," but did not state whether it was a boy or a girl.

The Carson Appeal has it from reliable authority that Mackay and Flood have gone in with Jones and Sharon to make a market and count Fair out, as they have no confidence in him.

David A. Gibbs is wanted by E. W. Roberts, of Grass Valley, California. The estate of the late E. R. West is being settled up and David will be apt to hear of something of interest, if he writes to Mr. Roberts.

Eureka Sentinel: J. C. Powell, Superintendent, informs us that the nine tributers at work in the Hamburg mine have for some time been making an average of over \$5 a day each, and that the pitches are all looking well.

The Ward Reflex says Henry Marly, who was shot three times at Eberhardt on the 22d by Ben Miller, is not dangerously wounded. Ben is at present residing in the "cooler" and keeping up a devil of a thinking about what it costs to become the rival of a married man.

The walls of the round-house at Wadsworth, says the Reno Journal, are all up, and the roof will be put on at once. Work will be pushed from this time on on the machine shops. The company are not employing as many bricklayers as they would like, objecting to paying \$5.50 per day.

Elko Independent: Sir George, the noted Bancock brave of Fort Hall, arrived in town, arrayed in purple and gold and fine feathers; the gorgeousness of his apparel attracting universal attention, and exciting irrepressible feminine admiration. George is almost as dangerous an element in the society of a rutabaga district as a circus-man.

If reports be true, says the Cherry Creek News, it now turns out that a couple of "youngsters" on Star Hill were married last winter, and they have kept it a profound secret all this time. It is safe to say that but one woman knew anything about it, and we can't imagine how even one of Eve's daughters was able to keep such a secret so long. Wonderful thing, indeed.

Miss May Lundy, the idol of Homer District, celebrated her fifteenth birthday on the 19th. At the party given in her honor a large number of ladies and gentlemen were present. The Index man thus poetically remarks: "Miss May was indirectly the discoverer of the mine which now bears her name, and in that relation she and this wildest section of the Sierras are inseparably connected. One day the romancer may find food for his tale in the story of the little maid whose name lives in the richest mine yet found in the Sierra Nevada."

The Silver State tells of the death of "Shake-hands John," who had grown-up children when the first pale face made his appearance on the Humboldt, in 1842. He and his immediate relatives were always friendly disposed toward the whites, and his son-in-law, Cap Sou, who died many years ago from the effects of wounds received while fighting hostile Indians, led troops and settlers against the hostiles on several occasions during the Indian troubles of 1864-5. Shake-hands John piloted Robert McBeth and G. W. Fox from Unionville to Battle Mountain when they discovered the Battle Mountain mines and located the present town of Galena. The old fellow had a great passion for hand-shaking as a candidate for office just before election, and he was known to all the old settlers of the county as Shake-hands John.

Virginia Enterprise: H. M. Yerington, Superintendent of the Carson and Colorado Railroad Company, returned a few days ago from a tour of inspection along the line and some distance off and beyond it. He reports much activity in the various mining districts tributary to the road. The country is rapidly filling up with prospectors, who are well satisfied with the results of their explorations in the southern country. Gold and silver and copper and lead claims are being daily discovered on every side. The revival of prosperity is particularly marked in the Panamint country, San Gregorio, Bishop's Creek, Darwin and Benton. Hawthorne is also booming, and many new buildings are in process of construction in Esmeralda's future county seat. By the 1st of July the railroad will be completed on to Hawley's Mills, thus forming a connection with the Darwin road. Hawley's Mills is about 300 miles from the Mound House.

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A PREMIUM ON BABIES.

A correspondent of the St. Paul Pioneer, speaking of the slow growth of population in France and of the bill introduced in the Chamber of Deputies to encourage the production of children, says: "The proposed law provides that every head of a family who has more than four children shall be entitled to a reduction of 15 per cent. in his annual taxes and to an additional reduction of 5 per cent. for each child in excess of five. In case the head of the family pays no taxes, or if his taxes do not exceed 100 francs a year, then he shall be entitled to a premium of 200 francs for his fifth child and to another premium, in each case larger by 100 francs than the preceding, for each additional child he may have. The project of Mr. Ployre—for that is the name of the author of the bill—may seem empirical, not to say comical, but the fact is that the population of France is at a standstill, if not actually diminishing. The pernicious example of limiting the number of children is set by the upper classes of society. Among the wealthy and middle classes large families are looked upon as misfortunes—not so much on the account of the immediate expense attending upon the birth, support and education of children as on the account of the necessity for making the provisions for their future that the social customs of this nation enforce. If the children are girls the parents must set aside annually a sufficient sum to provide them with a dot or dowry, without which they cannot hope to find husbands for their daughters; if the children are boys the capital to start them in business must be provided. This means years of saving and economy, even among the wealthy classes of society, and parents accordingly find it a much simpler matter to economize in the number of their children. Two, or at most three, children are admissible, and there are very few families in easy circumstances that exceed that number. So deeply has this feeling become rooted in the social life of the nation that parents who have large families are looked upon as being culpably and indecently improvident. As by far the great majority of marriages among those in moderate or easy circumstances are formed upon purely financial conditions, and are arranged by the parents, the affections have but little to do with them; and hence this violation of the laws of nature is not so difficult as one might suppose."

The expectation toward the close of last year was that there would from that time on be a decrease in the number of miles of railroad constructed from year to year in the United States. The extent of construction seemed to culminate in 1881, which showed 1,264 miles of track laid. In 1882 the number of miles was 1,018, but in 1883 there is certain to be an increase, the estimate being close to the figures for 1881. The circumference is pretty well outlined and confirmed, but there is a good deal of work to do in the interior. As the country fills up with people, roads will be demanded between towns and villages which are now of hardly sufficient importance to find a place on a map. In turn roads will reach every village that is not set upon a hill, and accommodation trains will stop at almost every man's door. When we come to building between villages in a country of such immense territorial extent as the United States, a thousand miles of new road a year will not make much of a show.

William Burns and his wife, of Lee county, Ky., think they are a remarkable couple. They were born on the same day, have nine daughters whom they never saw all at once, nine sons-in-law, and just ninety-nine grandchildren; and there has never been a death in the family.

The power of love is emphatically shown in the case of a Bostonian, a zealous Protestant, who, within four months of the death of his wife, has married his Catholic servant girl, joined the Catholic Church and taken his children to a Catholic Sunday-school.

Musicians will be interested to learn from the London Truth that the Queen, who is an excellent judge of music, sang Mendelssohn's own songs to him charmingly in her younger days, and welcomed Wagner to England at a time when others thought him mad.

Though marrying a deceased wife's sister may not be an infraction of the divine laws, the Chicago Herald is inclined to regard it as an attempt to escape the responsibilities of two marriages by having but one mother-in-law.

With the aid of the hands, a piece of paper rolled in funnel shape and held toward the light, the human eye can look through an egg, shell and all.

The State of New Jersey paid last year nearly \$9,000 in bounties for the growing of sorghum cane, and the manufacture of sugar from it.

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S-a-a-a-h-h-h! It is said that Mrs. Senator David Davis felt rather flat immediately after marriage, when her lady friends twitted her about the great weight of her husband.

A Georgia colored mother dreamed she was beating up cornmeal for bread, and when she awoke in the morning she found her baby dead, nearly every bone in its body being broken.

Vanderbilt is on the ocean. Hope he knows how to swim.—[Burlington Hawk-eye.]

NEW TO-DAY.

Notice of Dissolution.

THE PARTNERSHIP HERETOFORE existing between the undersigned, AUGUST DELPINO and E. VANZA, carrying on the mercantile business at Bailienville, Lincoln County, Nevada, has this day been dissolved by mutual consent, and August Delpino will hereafter carry on the business of the late firm, pay all obligations and receive all moneys due thereon.

Bailienville, June 1, 1883. AUGUST DELPINO. E. VANZA.

Application for a Patent

No. 703.

UNITED STATES LAND OFFICE.

Eureka, Nevada, May 28, 1883.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE Pay-Day Gold and Silver Mining Company, whose post-office address is San Francisco, California, has this day filed its application for a patent for fourteen hundred and eighty-nine linear feet of the Pay-Day mine or vein bearing silver, with surface and underground workings, situated in the Jackson Mining District, County of Lincoln, and State of Nevada, and designated by the field notes and official plat on file in this office as Lot No. 39, located upon the surveyed lot No. 39, and the exterior boundaries of said lot No. 39 being as follows, to-wit:

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